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PROBLEMS AND SUCCESSES OF PETROLEUM REFINERIES OF THE AZNEFTEZAVODY
 ASSOCIATION, USSR, DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1953

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

An article of 26 February 1953 by M. Korneyev, chief engineer of the Plant imeni Vano Sturua, Sh. Alekperova, Installation Chief of the Plant imeni Stalin, M. Akhmedov, Chief Engineer of the Plant imeni Andreyev and A. Stepanyan, Senior Operator of the Plant imeni Budenny, outlined the most important methods for maintenance of high economic indexes by plants of the Azneftezavody Association. Successes in lowering the cost of production and in increasing the profits of enterprises were said to have been attained during 1952.

One of the most effective means of lowering the cost of production and of effecting the full utilization of material resources was held to be the increasing of the amount of light-colored petroleum products refined from the crude. The leading brigades of the Plants imeni Stalin and imeni Andreyev were said to have been especially successful in this regard.

The correct utilization of heat from fuel products and flue gases was also reported to be important for the achievement of high economic indexes. In this regard, notable successes had been attained at the Plant imeni Andreyev.

In addition, the careful expenditure of reagents was said to be an important factor in the raising of economic indexes. The article reported that the more readily available reagents should be used in place of the reagents which are in short supply.(1)

An article by K. Yeregin, chief engineer of the Azneftezavody Association, reported on technological achievements attained by the association and on problems still confronting the association. Yeregin stated that growth of production of fuel and lubricating oils must be obtained by means of the construction of new enterprises and the reconstruction of existent enterprises.

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It was reported that at present almost all the petroleum refining installations of the enterprises of the Azneftezavody Association have been reconstructed. Innovators were said to be paying special attention to questions of rational utilization of heat and of increasing the amount of refined products derived from the crude. Installations were reported to have increased the production of light-colored petroleum products by 20 percent and of lubricating oils by 3 percent over the established norms. In addition, the capacity of petroleum refining installations has been increased by 10 percent.

The Plants imeni Andreyev and imeni Vano Sturua are cited as enterprises where improvements have taken place. Research work on the part of the laboratory of the Plant imeni Andreyev resulted in the construction of a new apparatus for rendering harmless the atmosphere during one process. At the Plant imeni Vano Sturua a furnace had been reconstructed, which resulted in increased production capacity.(2)

Several articles referred to production successes and technological advances at individual refining plants. On 19 February 1953, it was reported that the Petroleum Refining Plant imeni Vano Sturua had fulfilled the January plan ahead of schedule and that this record was being improved upon during February. Each of four units of this plant was said to have produced more than 450 tons of light-colored petroleum products above the plan during February. Two other installations produced 400 tons and 365 tons, respectively, of light-colored petroleum products above the plan during February.(3)

Another article reported the introduction of a differentiated technical chart for recording production at installations of the Petroleum Refining Plant imeni Andreyev. The new differentiated charts reflect the quality of crude and of processed materials in a more detailed manner than did the general technical charts formerly in use. Engineers M. Akhmedov, I. Namazov, and N. Stepanyan, and installation chiefs G. Mamedov and P. Bagirova were instrumental in effecting this change in the existing method of regulating the technical system. This change reportedly resulted in the increase of production of petroleum products by thousands of tons.(4)

Production successes were also reported for the Petroleum Refining Plant imeni Stalin. On 6 March 1953, it was reported that the first and second shops, which had produced five trainloads of petroleum products above the plan during February, were serving as models of high productivity. The brigades of the installations directed by Alekperova, Mal'tsev, Vakulenko, and Belyankov were working especially well. The brigades of the installations directed by Alekperova and Mal'tsev were said to be producing 50 to 60 tons of light-colored products above the plan every day.(5)

An article of 13 March 1953 reported that in expressing their grief concerning the death of Stalin, workers of Baku, and of the Shaumyanovskiy Rayon in particular, were increasing their efforts in the struggle for fulfillment of the Fifth Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule. In this regard, Sh. Alekperova, chief of Installation No 211 of the Petroleum Refining Plant imeni Stalin, promised, in the name of her brigade, to produce 2,000 tons of petroleum products above earlier accepted obligations during 1953. Rates of work were also said to be increasing at the Petroleum Refining Plant imeni Andreyev. Eyyub Ali, operator of Installation No 18, resolved to produce 250 tons of fuel above the plan by the end of March. High production indexes were also being attained by the installations of this plant directed by Amina Bagirova and Aleksandr Nosov.(6)

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